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## Testimony on Assembly Bill 986

Thank you, Representative Knodl and members of the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee, for allowing me to provide testimony on Assembly Bill 986.

This bill prohibits the state from awarding grants and contracts to businesses, organizations, and other entities that mandate the COVID-19 vaccine for anyone, including employees who want to receive services or enter their premises. This legislation is one step towards protecting medical freedom in Wisconsin.

Businesses, organizations, and government agencies have considered using vaccine mandates to stop the spread of COVID-19. Some have even tried to implement them. These mandates completely disregard natural immunity, medical conditions, and religious beliefs. People should be able to make their own decisions regarding their health.

National Public Radio reported a Massachusetts man has been denied a heart transplant by a Boston hospital for not receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. Due to his heart condition, he decided it was not in his best interest to receive the vaccine. Is it fair to deny life-saving medical treatment because that person made a healthcare decision you disagree with?

You probably remember Superior Days was last week. You might not remember the invitation to their reception said vaccine cards were required. Staff from Superior Days were not aware of this and did not need to be checked for vaccination. Do you think that was fair?

Another concern I have heard is healthcare workers are required to be vaccinated since the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) require it at facilities that receive funding from CMS. I have an amendment in drafting to exempt medical facilities to address this concern.

This bill does not affect current contracts. It also allows entities who apply for future grants and contracts to use screening methods for COVID-19 such as temperature checks and testing.

I thank you again for hearing this legislation, and would be glad to answer any questions you might have.

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**From:** Senator Kathy Bernier  
**To:** The Assembly Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight  
**Re:** Testimony on Assembly Bill 986  
**Relating to:** prohibition on awarding state contracts or grants to entities that require customers or clients to provide proof of vaccination for COVID-19 for entry onto the premises of the entity or before providing services.  
**Date:** March 1, 2022

Thank you, Chair Knodl and committee members for hearing today's bill.

Fortunately, leaders across the state and the country seem to finally be coming to their senses and easing many of the restrictions that were put into place (without any scientific basis or evidence that they worked) over the past two years.

We consistently saw those who were most fervently pushing lockdowns, mask mandates, and vaccine requirements flouting the law when they thought they could get away with it. The past two years have been an exercise in the liberal left's "rules for thee, not for me" attitude. The lockdowns have irreparably harmed lives and have destroyed trust in our government and our leaders.

One lingering and troubling development that we must prepare for is the loss of medical freedom, thereby creating a two-tiered society. The State of Wisconsin should not participate in this fearmongering and division.

Businesses and organizations have every right to choose whether they would like to incorporate a vaccine mandate. However, there are consequences for every decision. The State of Wisconsin, through its Legislature, can also make the choice to forbid public money from going to businesses and entities that make such a wrongheaded decision.

Under the bill, the State will honor contracts it currently has, but will not award future grants or contracts to companies or organizations that mandate the COVID-19 vaccine for customers or clients.

This bill is a much-needed safeguard against additional government overreach, and I ask you to support it.



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**Submission to the Wisconsin Assembly Committee on Government  
Accountability and Oversight  
Support of AB985 and AB986 – March 1, 2022  
By Judith Jolly, RN, BSN – Wisconsin State Director**

My name is Judith Jolly, and I am a resident of Pardeeville Wisconsin. I am a registered nurse with a Bachelor of Science in nursing and the Wisconsin State Director as well as the Director of Diseases and Vaccine Website Content for the National Vaccine Information Center, the nation's oldest vaccine safety and informed consent advocacy organization.

For 40 years, the national charitable non-profit NVIC has been dedicated to preventing vaccine injuries and deaths through public education and advocating for informed consent protections in medical policies and public health laws. We defend the human right to freedom of thought and conscience and support the inclusion of flexible medical, religious and conscientious belief exemptions in vaccine policies and laws.

NVIC supports AB985 and AB986 and respectfully request that this committee vote in favor of these bills.

Individuals should have the opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccine or any other vaccine or pharmaceutical product. However, as the receipt of these products is a personal and private medical decision, they must be treated as such, and not be permitted to be identified on any public documents issued by the State. While NVIC supports AB985, we respectfully request that this bill be expanded to include all vaccines and pharmaceutical products. Personal medical decisions are confidential choices made by individuals based on many factors which may include personal or health history, religious or philosophical beliefs, risk versus benefit, and more. NVIC urges this committee to protect the right to medical confidentiality by supporting AB985 and expanding it to cover all vaccine and pharmaceutical products.

All forms of discrimination are unjust in our great state. This includes discrimination against individuals who choose not to receive the COVID-19 vaccine or any other vaccine or pharmaceutical product. AB986 is an important step in ensuring that businesses who wish to receive grants and contracts from the state are not discriminating against customers and clients who choose not to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. While NVIC supports AB986, we respectfully request that this bill also be expanded to include all vaccines and pharmaceutical products, in addition to the COVID-19 vaccine. Denying an individual the ability to enter a business or receive a service because they have chosen not to receive the COVID-19 vaccine or any other pharmaceutical product is discrimination, and it must not be tolerated in Wisconsin. NVIC respectfully requests this committee to support AB 986 and expand it to cover all vaccines and pharmaceutical products.